

Dean's **Message**



We are coming very close to the end of a busy and productive Fall semester. Students have been presenting final projects, making all those last minute efforts to absorb enough of the course materials to handle final exams or putting the final touches on theses and dissertations. The cooler days are helping make the frantic pace of these last minute details a little bit easier to handle. And the upcoming holiday break will give everyone a chance to have a little breather before jumping into the second half of the academic year. Please take advantage of it and, for a least a little while, just kick back, or do something out of the ordinary.

At this time of the year when giving thanks for so many things is part of the ritual, I do want to extend my sincere thanks to all in DCP for your important individual contributions to making us such an impressive educational enterprise. I am continuously impressed by your talents and by the level of enthusiasm from all quarters of our college for the work that we do. And DCP's

enthusiasm may just infect those around us. Before long, even more folks on campus and beyond will be conversant in sustainability, preservation, internationalization, affordable housing, creating better environments, good design and all the other initiatives we value and we advocate.

Once my own batteries get recharged over the break, I look forward to helping to cultivate and channel that enthusiasm and your talents to realize our shared goals. But in the mean time, happy holidays, and a joyous and more peaceful New Year.

Sincerely,

Christopher Silver, Ph.D., AICP
Dean and Professor

News Bulletin

DCP Students Attend Greenbuild 2006

The UF Student Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) sent five students to USGBC's annual national conference, Greenbuild 2006, in Denver, Colo. from Nov. 13 - 17. DCP partially sponsored the trip to help the students cover travel expenses and conference fees. Conference guest speakers included internationally recognized green building innovators such as Jeffrey Sachs, David Suzuki and William McDonough.

The conference was a unique educational opportunity for the students to become familiar with cutting-edge ideas and practices, and learn how to apply them to their research and experience at UF.

"The Greenbuild conference offered us the experience to really get involved with the green movement, and familiarize ourselves with people and products that will benefit us when we get into the professional world," IND student Sharon Neff said.

Shimberg Center to Start New Research on Subsidized Rental Housing

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation is funding a research project by the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing and Florida Housing Finance Corporation to improve national data collection and analysis related to the preservation of subsidized rental housing.

The MacArthur-funded research project was proposed in response to a lack of data about subsidized rental housing for affordable living. This portion of the housing stock is at risk of losing its affordability due to expiration of government funding and property owners' decisions to convert to market rate housing.

School of Architecture Pursues a “Global Campus”

In an effort to continue the expansion of the Gator Nation across the globe, DCP director Martha Kohen has signed agreements for continued education and study in China and India.

Kohen recently traveled to China where she attended the 12th Congress of the Architecture Society of China and Asian Congress of Architects. While there, Kohen signed an agreement with the society which will allow architecture students to participate in an annual charrette which will focus on a different Chinese city each year. The first charrette will take place in the ancient city of Xian in May 2007. Twenty-five students and up to four professors will travel to this historic city, most famous for its Terracota Warriors, to participate in research studies with the planning authorities of Xi’an and the Xi’an University of Architecture. The 2008 charrette will take place in Shanghai.

“This agreement will strengthen DCP as an important player in the international arena and is very important in helping UF build up the Gator Nation,” Kohen said.

Kohen also visited and lectured at Tsinghua University and at Zhengzhou University (ZZU) where she was nominated as a visiting professor. “I was honored to be nominated visiting professor at ZZU and will do some teaching there in the future,” Kohen said. ZZU is located

in the center crossroads between Xian and Shanghai and between Beijing and the River of Pearls.

Lastly, Kohen visited Mumbai, India, where ARC assistant professor Shivjit Sidhu and eight ARC students are participating in the first 16 week-long UF study abroad program in India. Kohen signed an agreement of collaboration with the Federation of Jain Educational Institutes (FJEI). FJEI controls 10,000 schools in India, of which 200 are colleges and universities. The agreement will give DCP a base in India for research and education action.

“India has a very important and expanding potential for education on varying subjects,” Kohen said. “It is a great opportunity to bring students to UF and send our students to India.”

Kohen and Sidhu, with the support of UF’s Department of Continuing Education, currently are exploring the option to establish educational initiatives in India, much like UF’s current developments in China.

Kohen’s efforts are helping to create what she calls a “global campus.”

“I think we cannot say our campus is only here in Gainesville,” Kohen said. “We do research across the globe, we have students that come from across the globe and we teach across the globe. I think we have a global campus, with the base here in Gainesville.”

▲Graham Speaks at National Preservation Conference

DCP professor Roy Eugene Graham, FAIA, spoke at the annual October National Preservation Conference of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Pittsburgh. The session, “A Place for the Trades: The Role of the Traditional Trades in Preservation,” was organized by the World Monuments Fund and the Preservation Trades Network. Graham’s presentation discussed the academic coupling of graduate students from UF with the American College of Building Arts and *Les Compagnons du Devoir* at last summer’s Preservation Institute: New York at the New Lebanon Shaker Museum in Old Chatham, NY. The French students were enrolled through the UF program.

▲Hayes Serves as Guest Editor to Security Journal

IND courtesy faculty and criminologist Read Hayes recently guest edited and authored an issue of the Security Journal. Hayes authored the introduction “Effective Loss Prevention Means Protecting Lives, Selling More and Losing Less” and co-authored “Evaluating the Effects of EAS on Product Sales and Loss: Results of a Large-Scale Field Experiment.” Hayes and the DCP Loss Prevention Research Team also authored two papers in the new Handbook of Security for criminologists titled “Shoptheft” and “Store Detectives & Loss Prevention.”

▲ARC Graduate Student Presents Paper at Symposium

ARC graduate student Michael Honig presented his paper “The Architectural Response to Homelessness: A Viable Service and not a Privilege” at the ART&DESIGN for Social Justice Symposium at Florida State University. The paper was based on his master’s research project, “Technical and Contextual Tension: Njia as a Housing Generator in Kenya” which was chaired by ARC professor Donna Cohen and BCN professor Esther Obonyo.

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